



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
GRADUATION/DROPOUT PREVENTION TASKFORCE**

**March 19, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Executive Tower**

**1700 W. Washington**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**Meeting Notes**

**Members Present:** Rhian Allvin, Cathleen Barton, Patti Beltram, Rusty Bowers, Dan Brown, Diane McCarthy, Beth Broome attending for Co-chair Darcy Renfro, Dr. Amy Schlessman, Tom Tyree, and Carolyn Warner

**Members Not Present:** Mark Dobbins, Pearl Esau, Marv Lamer, Amanda McAdams, Dr. Kent Scribner, Chair Merl Waschler, Vince Yanez, and Dr. Jim Zaharis

**Staff Present:** Rebecca Gau, and Kerry McConnell

**Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions**

Beth Broome called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. provided welcoming remarks and introduced the purpose of this meeting, which was to discuss one of the taskforce's recommendations in-depth.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Diane McCarthy moved for the approval of the February 19, 2013 Task force meeting minutes with requested changes from Tom Tyree. Carolyn Warner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion: Quality After School Standards**

Ms. Broome introduced Rebecca Gau with the Governor's Office of Education Innovation (GOEI). Ms. Gau reviewed the third whitepaper regarding Quality After School Standards and asked Members for feedback. Members discussed the whitepaper and requested that the following changes/additions be made;

- Look into adding relevance to retention by either keeping retained students engaged or assist students early to stop possible retention
- Add career readiness to the standards along with college access
- Look into adding remediation into these programs
- Do not inhibit the creativity allowed to programs that offer hands on learning opportunities
- Need to ensure that standards are geared toward academics

- Need to add context relating to how after school standards are linked to graduation rate

**Discussion: Recognize that CTE Provides Relevance**

Members requested that this discussion be moved to the 4/16 Grad Rate meeting.

**Discussion: Support Arizona Career Information System**

Ms. Gau reviewed the second whitepaper regarding the Arizona Career Information System and asked Members for feedback on the second draft. Members discussed the second draft and requested that the following changes/additions be made;

- Add more information on the work being done with the State Board for Charter Schools
- Add program of study as an extension of ECAP

**Council Comments**

Ms. Gau asked the Task Force members what white paper they wanted to review at the next meeting. Members discussed the options and asked to review support for an early warning system.

**Call to the Public**

There were no requests from the public to address the Task Force.

**Adjourn**

With no further business before the Taskforce, Carolyn Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rhian Allvin and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.